Earl Flint, one of the original U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Conchas Dam builders in the 1930's celebrated his 97th birthday, June 4. Holding an original photo dated 1937 of the Conchas Dam construction project, he visited the Albuquerque District June 5 for an interview by Albuquerque district public affairs in preparation for the district's 75th Anniversary coming up in 2010. Some of the jobs he performed while working on Conchas Dam included driving a truck, repairing a variety of equipment, building barracks, and having the authority to do what needed to be done. "I was a boss without a boss's job," he said. But what did he like the most about working on Conchas Dam? "I loved machines and I had whole new stuff to play with," he said.

